

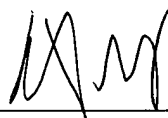
**Remarks**

Claims 1-19, 21-22, 77-80 are pending. Claims 20, 23-49 have been canceled. Claims 50-76 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. This Amendment is being submitted with a Supplemental Appeal Brief. Because this Amendment cancels claims where such cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claim in the proceeding, Applicants submit that entry of this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b)(1) is appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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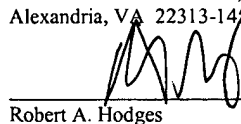


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